

Bureau of Land Management
New Mexico



Office of the Lieutenant Governor
New Mexico

Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review is the Draft Statewide Resource Management Plan Amendment/Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for New Mexico Standards for Public Land Health and Guidelines for Livestock Grazing Management. A 90-day comment period begins February 12, 1999. Written comments postmarked no later than May 17, 1999 will be accepted. Comments on the alternatives and the adequacy of the impact analysis are most useful when they address one or more of the following:

- Errors in the analysis
- New information that would have a bearing on the analysis
- Misinformation that could affect the outcome of the analysis
- Request for clarification
- A substantive new alternative whose mix of allocations differ from any of the existing alternatives

Where possible, include in your comments reference to the pages and paragraphs on which you are commenting.

Please mail comments on this draft to:

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Written comments, including names and street addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the above address during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as part of the proposed plan and final EIS. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name and street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

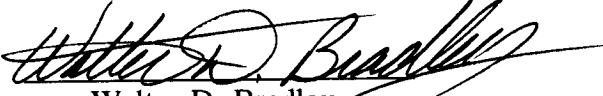
Twelve public hearings have been scheduled. All hearings will have an afternoon and an evening session. The afternoon hearing will begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue until those signed up to speak have done so by 5:00 p.m. After a break for dinner the hearing will reconvene at 7:00 p.m. for the evening hearing and run until those signed up to speak have had an opportunity to do so. Both oral and written testimony will be accepted at the hearings. A 5-minute time limit will be placed on oral comments, which should be accompanied by a written synopsis of the presentation. Written and oral comments will be equally evaluated in full and considered in the preparation of the proposed RMPA/final EIS.

Hearings are scheduled for the following locations and dates:

- March 08, 1999 - Crownpoint Institute of Technology, Crownpoint, NM
- March 09, 1999 - Civic Center located at 200 West Arrington, Farmington, NM.
- March 10, 1999 - Cuba High School, 50 County Road 13, Cuba, NM.
- March 11, 1999 - Lucero Center in the Espanola Plaza, Espanola, NM.
- March 15, 1999 - Holiday Inn at 1005 Paseo Del Pueblo Sur, Taos, NM.
- March 16, 1999 - BLM Office, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 1474 Rodeo Rd. Santa Fe, NM.
- March 17, 1999 - BLM Office, Conference Room, 1800 Marquess St. Las Cruces, NM.
- March 18, 1999 - 110 South Diamond, Deming, NM.
- March 22, 1999 - BLM Office, Conference Room, 435 Montano NE, Albuquerque, NM.
- March 23, 1999 - Otero County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Room 253, 1000 New York Ave., Alamogordo, NM.
- March 24, 1999 - Carlsbad Public Library Annex at 101 S. Halagueno, Carlsbad, NM.
- March 25, 1999 - NM Military Institute, Toles Learning Center, Maybee Room, 101 W College, Roswell, NM.

Please retain this draft as the proposed RMPA and final EIS may be printed in abbreviated form, in which case this draft will be used as a reference document.

Thank you for participating in this planning process. Your continued involvement will allow us to effectively manage public lands and resources throughout the state.


Walter D. Bradley
Lieutenant Governor


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